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In re Application of ARJUN SINGH Serial No. 08/448,946 Filed: May 24, 1995

For: USE OF ALPHA FACTOR SEQUENCES IN YEAST

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This is a decision on the petition filed November 14, 1997, under 37 CFR 1.103(a) requesting that action be suspended in this application for a period of six months.

The petition states that the outcome of Interference No. 102,728 has a material bearing on the patentability of the claims in this application. A review of the record indicates that the rejections and issues of record are materially affected by the outcome of the identified interference. Therefore suspension is appropriate.

Ex parte prosecution is SUSPENDED pending a final determination in Interference No. 102,728. Upon the termination of the interference proceeding, applicant should inform the Office that prosecution should be reopened in this application.

The Petition is Granted.

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